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The Need to Address Community Transportation

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/14/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:12

Description: KLEW News reported that in just over five months, Lewiston would be taking over public transportation in the city. The October 1st takeover date was passed in a 4 to 1 vote at last night's city council meeting. The decision came just one week after the LC Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization submitted a draft report about the pros and cons of changing the current system. Council member Garry Bush says the major issue is combining transit systems in the valley to operate under one contract to provide a more efficient and cost effective service. He says the cities have been discussing that ever since the population topped fifty thousand.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 5/27/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:53

Description: KLEW News reported that Asotin County Public Transit wants to improve their bus routes. Last night they presented their proposal to the Clarkston City Council. Currently they run on a one-hour schedule, but want to up their routes to every thirty minutes. Right now the transit hub is the Lewiston Community Center. That would be moved to Clarkston's DSHS. This will improve travel time for bus riders. The transit company is also looking to improve visibility with more bus stop signs and shelters.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 6/9/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:32

Description: KLEW News reported that Bob Scarfo, Associate Professor with the Landscape Architecture Program at WSU Spokane and more than forty students from landscape architecture to marketing, want to re-introduce passenger rail service to the Palouse. It's called "Powering the Palouse", but it's more than a school project. Scarfo says they've covered the logistics and have had nothing but positive input from Pullman to Spokane and in between. Scarfo says the rail cars are there. The wheat growers association wants to sit down and talk about this topic and combine freights transporting wheat, and passengers.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 6/17/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:16

Description: KLEW News reported that Asotin County Public Transportation Benefit Area is working to make bus rides more efficient. Route maintenance coordinator Greg Gill explains the improved bus system to passengers. Currently people are spending 50 minutes on the bus and what the plan is to cut those times down to increase ridership; especially with the new Walmart Superstore going in we are going to be able to transport people to and from a lot quicker. Gill says ridership numbers have been the same for quite a while and with new routes they are planning on more riders. Also adding 3 new buses will make a big difference and will be more comfortable for the riders.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 6/22/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:19

Description: KLEW News reported that the Scenic Way bike path and road project is ready to go and the county is looking for bids. Much of the project is being funded with federal stimulus money. Some bordering homeowners expressed concerns today about the hill's stability, wondering if they have to worry about their homes sliding down the hill once work is done and the ground is disturbed. Public Works Director Joel Ristau says they do not foresee that happening, as the ground seems to be very stable with rocks. The county plans to start construction in August.

The Need to Address Waterfront Development

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/8/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:53

Description: KLEW News reported that the Waterfront Master Planning committee would like to know how the public foresees the future of the Clarkston waterfront. Tomorrow, the Port of Clarkston is hosting two information sessions to get the public's feedback. Some of the issues to be discussed are possibly limiting waterfront big box expansion, increasing recreation and tourism uses and housing issues.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/29/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:59

Description: KLEW News reported that during Governor Butch Otter's tour of the state he would be awarding almost ten million dollars in Community and Rural Development Block Grants. The money will be used for infrastructure improvements across the state, including \$500,000 to help the Port of Lewiston's dock expansion project that will double the size of the dock.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/30/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:09

Description: KLEW News reported that The Port of Clarkston discussed waterfront master planning and the importance of economic growth in that area. The Port will host an open house about the waterfront during the Alive at Five events next Thursday.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 6/1/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:38

Description: KLEW News reported that Senator Mike Crapo has infused new life into the debate over how to restore runs of endangered Idaho salmon. He says breaching dams should be discussed. Crapo says the discussion about helping salmon and steelhead should include four Lower Snake River dams in Washington State blamed for impeding fish passage. Crapo says dam breaching must be on the table but added that not breaching dams must also be on the table. Idaho Rivers United, which favors dam breaching, welcomed Crapo's remarks, but interests here in the valley oppose breaching on grounds that dams provide electricity and reliable shipping for the region's timber and farm products.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 6/11/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:52

Description: KLEW News reported that at The Port of Clarkston Commissioners meeting, Port Manager Wanda Keefer discussed master planning of the Clarkston waterfront. She says the space could be used for offices as well as retail with maybe a coffee shop and gym. The ports also discussed not renewing leases with the grain terminal and Clarkston Rent-a-Space and find a better use for valuable port land. The port will continue working to get signs to bring more people into the port district by advertising businesses such as the winery.

The Need to Address Cultural Opportunities

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/8/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:53

Description: KLEW News reported that former White House Bureau Chief Helen Thomas, and CBS News Washington Correspondent Bob Schieffer shared the honor last night at the 35th Edward R. Murrow Symposium. The two guests have more than 80 combined years covering the ten presidents since John F. Kennedy. Schieffer says no one was better at it, than his co-recipient. Thomas started her speech recognizing Murrow, and the days when Americans relied on radio and newspapers for the news. Asking the tough questions, getting the facts and holding our leaders accountable that technology shouldn't change.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/10/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:04

Description: KLEW News reported that for the second time in two months, the fairgrounds would be transformed into a mixed martial arts arena tonight. Today's set-up was underway for the Ultimate Fighting Challenge fights tonight. EC Enterprises owner Eric Christiansen says when the event visited the valley for the first time back in February; it went so well fans were calling for an encore performance.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/10/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:55

Description: KLEW News reported that the annual Stephen Lyman Memorial Children's Art Exhibit kicked off today. Center for Arts and History Educational Outreach Coordinator Autumn Heath-Simpson says this year ten area schools have artwork displayed in downtown windows. The drawings are from students grades K through 6 and all the artwork is Dogwood themed. The drawings will be on display through April 25th.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/10/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:09

Description: KLEW News reported that the annual Spring Roundup and Idaho State Championship Elk Calling Contest are being held in Orofino tomorrow. The event at Orofino City Park will start at 11a.m. with music, yodeling, cowboy poetry, raffles and a silent auction. The Elk Calling Contest will have divisions for all ages. The event provides scholarships to 4 area high schools and collects funds to help people of the Clearwater Valley communities through the project Cancer Assistance & Recovery Effort.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 6/16/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:05

Description: KLEW News reported that The Big Evolution 2009 Conference at the University of Idaho Kibbie Dome is wrapping up. The joint annual meeting is sponsored by the Society for the Study of Evolution, the Society of Systematic Biologists and the American Society of Naturalists. It's billed as the premier annual opportunity for sharing scientific research related to evolution. Last night was an opportunity for researchers to show off their work. The Kibbie Dome was crowded with students, faculty and staff from schools and other institutions and agencies from all over the world.

The Need to Address Drugs & Alcohol Abuse

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/6/09, 5:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:47

Description: KLEW News reported that Lewiston Police Department put their newest "Drug Dog" Lucy into service today. Lucy is a specially trained golden lab, who will carve out a career working to sniff the drug problem out of Lewiston. Sgt. Ted Piche says there are five narcotics she's been trained to sniff out. She'll prove to be a very valuable asset to law enforcement. Officer Chris Reese is Lucy's handler, partner, and roommate. Officer Reese says drugs are obviously a problem, but there are a lot of property crimes and violent crimes that are directly related to our drug problem. Lucy will certainly have a positive impact for the community.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 5/6/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:18

Description: KLEW News reported that sharing knowledge campus wide and community wide was the goal of the Third annual Lewis-Clark State College Research Symposium. Professor of Social Sciences Brian Christenson says the divisions of nursing; education, social science, kinesiology, humanities and business division are all participating this year. A group of nursing students presented their project on educating 7th graders about the dangers of methamphetamine. Symposium topics vary, so there was a little something for everyone.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 5/13/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:37

Description: KLEW News reported that State Public Health officials say a record number of smokers sought help from Idaho's Project Filter program in March and April to help quit smoking and nicotine addiction. The heightened demand, which followed an increase in the federal tobacco tax, has depleted funding for the Nicotine Replacement Therapy program. That program provides smokers with a free four-week supply of nicotine patches, gum and lozenges to help quit smoking. Idaho Department of Health and Welfare officials say funding for the nicotine therapy will resume in July.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 6/11/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:35

Description: KLEW News reported that 50 additional law enforcement officers are in Clarkston today to sharpen their skills. Deputy Rob Breland organized the event that helps officers learn how different departments seek out narcotics. Over 50 officers from throughout Washington participated in today's training, which Breland says has an additional economic benefit. Breland says this won't be the last of these training sessions. He is planning 6 more, which could bring people from Oregon, Washington and Idaho to Clarkston.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 6/19/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:08

Description: KLEW News reported that the House of Representatives approved one million dollars of funding for the Idaho Meth Project in 2010. The money will go toward Public Service Messaging, Public Policy and Community Action. Lewiston Police Chief Steve Orr says all three are important for our area. According to the Idaho Meth Project, Idaho spends between 60 and 102 million dollars to treat and incarcerate offenders who admit to having methamphetamine problems. Orr says one of the major areas funding is used for is to stop teens from experimenting with the drug that is the most powerful and addictive drug in today's society.

The Need to Address Quality Education

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/17/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:27

Description: KLEW News reported that the Boise based organization "Computers for Kids" is in Lewiston today at the Idaho National Guard Armory collecting and sorting donations. Just over an hour ago they started distributing refurbished computers to kids in our area. Director Tammy Gardner says the program is growing, allowing children in Idaho, Oregon and Washington to benefit from having computers. You can donate monitors, central processing units, keyboards, mice, and cords. Donations will be taken back to Boise, where they will be refurbished and given to children.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 4/29/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:10

Description: KLEW News reported that Governor Butch Otter was in the valley as part of a statewide tour awarding grants to a number of organizations. At the Lewiston Rotary meeting today, local schools were the beneficiary. More than half a million land grant dollars were awarded to the Lewiston School District and 1.2 million to Lewis-Clark State College. President Dene Thomas says they will use it to educate teachers, nurses and social workers, business people, diesel technicians and car repair/technical workers. It goes toward educating students at Lewis-Clark State College.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 5/1/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:05

Description: KLEW News reported that teams of fifth and sixth grade students, from all over the area, gathered to test their engineering skills at the annual North Idaho TECH: Mars Rover Challenge held in Moscow. Teams of 4 to 6 students use Legos to create a motorized Mars rover. Each team tests their rover's ability to maneuver between obstacles, climb steep hills, and pick up small objects among other things. The top three winners from the event compete against finalists from South Idaho. Idaho TECH is part of the festivities for Idaho Space Week.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 5/5/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:30

Description: KLEW News reported that Senator Jim Risch met with Grangeville High School's Science Bowl team. The team competed in the U.S. Department of Energy National Science Bowl over the weekend. Three Idaho teams were among thousands across the country who compete in regional science bowls. They were each awarded all-expense paid trips to compete in the National Finals in Washington, D.C. for winning at the regional level. The Department of Energy created the National Science Bowl in 1991 to encourage students to excel in mathematics and science and to pursue careers in these fields.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 6/18/09, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:25

Description: KLEW News reported that about 40 teachers were in the Williams Conference Center at Lewis-Clark State College wrapping up four days of Native American education. Committee chairperson Bryan Samuels from Idaho Indian Education says they meet for one week each summer to teach the teachers. It's reinforcing the commitment of teachers to work in a classroom, to improve their skills and address cultural issues. The instruction is also about how to reach a struggling demographic here locally in the Lapwai School District where Samuels is an administrator.